

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel injection valve body for a direct injection type ~~internal combustion gasoline~~ engine that injects fuel directly into a combustion chamber of an internal combustion ~~the gasoline engine and executes a stratified charge combustion by forming a layered rich air-fuel mixture around an ignition plug,~~ comprising:

a nozzle body tip portion ~~of said fuel injection valve body,~~ wherein said the nozzle body tip portion is formed with a nozzle hole to inject a fuel directly to the combustion chamber and formed in a protruded shape without forming a corner portion or a recessed portion on a surface thereof, ~~the nozzle hole being exposed to the combustion chamber and~~

a cap disposed on an outer periphery of the nozzle body tip so as to secure the nozzle body tip to a main body of the fuel injection valve ~~main body,~~ and

wherein a gap is formed between the nozzle body tip and a tip portion of the cap.

2. (Original) The fuel injection valve body for a direct injection type internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein:

the nozzle body tip protrudes in a conical shape and the tip of the conical shape is spherical.

3. (Original) The fuel injection valve body for a direct injection type internal combustion engine according to claim 1, wherein:

the nozzle body tip is spherical.